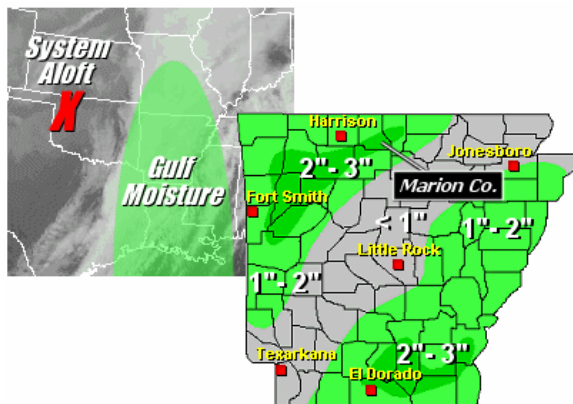


Flash Floods

There was one death due to flash flooding in Arkansas in 2005.

An elderly woman lost her life at Rush (Marion Co.) when she attempted to cross Rush Creek on foot during a flash flood. This was the first flash flood fatality of 2005 in the nation.



In the picture: A storm system dredged up a lot of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico on 01/12/2005. This led to 2 to 3 inches of rain (and locally more) in parts of Arkansas... including Marion County. Flash flooding was reported countywide.

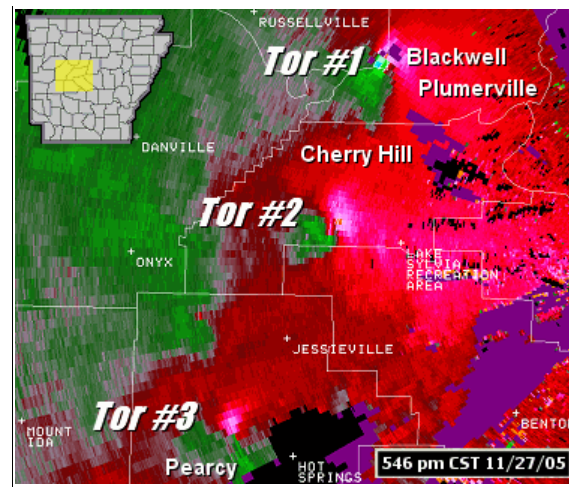


Lightning

There were no deaths but one injury due to lightning in 2005.

The injury occurred at Fort Smith (Sebastian Co.).

Heading into November, the tornado tally for the year thus far was 19. By the end of the month, that number would jump to 50...due mostly to a large tornado outbreak on the 27th. On that day, two dozen tornadoes were spawned...the largest outbreak in over two years (since May 16, 2003).



In the picture: The WSR-88D (Doppler Weather Radar) showed areas of strong rotation with tornadoes produced on 11/27/2005. Tor #1 tracked through Blackwell (Conway County), Tor #2 hit Cherry Hill (Perry County) and Plumerville (Conway County) and Tor #3 affected areas near Percy (Garland County).

Two of the three strongest tornadoes of 2005 were spawned during the outbreak...and were rated F3 (158-206 mph winds) on the Fujita Scale. The tornadoes tracked through portions of Conway and Perry Counties, with 1 fatality reported. The fatality occurred near Plumerville (Conway County) when one of the tornadoes crossed Interstate 40 and overturned a vehicle.

Two more tornadoes followed to begin December (on the 3rd)...for a grand total of 52 tornadoes for the year!

From the hurricanes to the drought to the tornadoes, it will be hard to forget the Fall of 2005. So much happened and so many lives were affected. A repeat performance is not likely to occur any time soon...if you believe the statistics.